

## SPEAK TO THE ROCK

Numbers 20:1-13

*Isn't there something in you... that compels you to want something more... than to just observe the Abundant Life in Christ... in someone else?*

- **GOD GIVES HIS** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Take The \_\_\_\_\_ (**Numbers 20:8a**).
  - Gather The Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ (**Numbers 20:8b**).
  - \_\_\_\_\_ To The Rock (**Numbers 20:8c**).
- **MOSES'** \_\_\_\_\_ **HIS SIN.**
  - "And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts [also]" (**Numbers 20:10-11**)
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Sin - "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?"
    - What's the sin? "They angered [him] also at the waters of strife, so that it went \_\_\_\_\_ with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake \_\_\_\_\_ with his lips" (**Psalm 106:32-33**)
    - The surface sin was... Moses expressed his \_\_\_\_\_.
    - "And Moses lifted up his hand, and with \_\_\_\_\_ rod he smote the rock twice" (**Numbers 20:11**). It wasn't the rod that God had told him to bring... It wasn't Aaron's Rod that signified God's power and authority... It was Moses' own rod... signifying his own authority.
    - *The main issue is for the congregation to see what \_\_\_\_\_ is going to do.*
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Sin - "Because you believed Me not..." (**Numbers 20:12a**).
    - The internal sin... was \_\_\_\_\_.
    - *He \_\_\_\_\_ believe God had what it took to fulfill His plan with these people* (**Numbers 20:12**).
    - *The most damaging thing Moses did... was take the \_\_\_\_\_ off of God and placed it upon himself.*
- **CONCLUSION**
  - Did you know... that God loved to show the Hebrews... pictures... types... symbols... of His Son... Jesus Christ?
    - The Passover Lamb was a picture of Jesus Christ. The blood that was shed and applied on the door...was a picture of Christ. The lamb's blood didn't take away sin... it just picture Christ's blood.
    - When they came upon the bitter waters... and God instructed Moses to throw in the tree... and it became sweet: that was a picture... of the cross of Christ.
    - If you remember the first time Israel saw water gushing from the rock while they were at Horeb... I pointed out that that rock was a picture of Christ. The water that gushed out was but a picture of the Living Water. "Drink of Me... and you'll never thirst again!"
    - Manna was a picture of Jesus Christ. He is the "Bread of Life"!
    - The tabernacle was nothing but a picture of Jesus Christ.
    - Aaron's rod... was a type of Christ. That rod was just a dead stick... until the power of God was applied to it. From something that was dead...God could bring forth life. God used Aaron's Rod to picture His Son Jesus Christ. To picture His dead... burial... and resurrection.
  - Moses was to take the "Budding Rod of Aaron" and \_\_\_\_\_ to the rock.
    - "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same

*spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ' (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).*

- No one \_\_\_\_\_ a gracious God... picture of their Messiah... or of their Sacrifice...Jesus Christ.
- It became known as "a place of \_\_\_\_\_" ... Meribah.

- **APPLICATION**
  - Do you know the One who can \_\_\_\_\_ your soul's need? Do you know the One who can give you meaning and purpose? If not, then you can today (**Rom. 3:23; 6:23a; 5:8; 6:23b; 10:9-10, 13; Titus 1:2**)
  - If so, do people see \_\_\_\_\_ in and through you? "*Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord*" (**Hebrews 12:14**).
  - Instead, do they see a \_\_\_\_\_ that is coming? Has your anger become your master and not your servant? Are you known as a person of strife?
  - **If so, then...**
    - \_\_\_\_\_ your sin to God and resolve, by His grace, to change towards righteousness (**Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:9**)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ in forgiveness through Christ (**Psalm 32:1-2; Matt. 6:12**)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ God for His transforming grace to change by abiding in Him (**John 15:5**)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ according to God's process for change by
      - ~ Working to renew your mind with Scripture daily (**Rom. 12:1-2**)
      - ~ Working to put off the sinful actions and to put on righteous ones (**Ephesians 4:20-24**)
      - ~ Allowing the Lord to work in and through you so others may see Him (**Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:13; Gal. 5:22-24**).